

## Meade County News

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### Lodge Directory.

M. W. A.—Meade Camp No. 1738, meets  
every first third and fifth Monday night  
of each month.

JOHN D. WEHLE, V. C.  
JOHN ELLIOTT, Clerk.

A. O. U. W.—Meets on second and fourth  
Tuesdays of each month.

D. B. STUTSMAN, M. W.  
F. W. FICK, Recorder.

A. F. & A. M.—Webb Lodge No. 275 meets  
Saturday night on or before the full moon  
of each month.

O. HAMILTON, W. M.  
E. F. RIEMAN, Secretary.

### Churches.

METHODIST—Services each Sunday at 11  
a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting each  
Wednesday evening.

REV. W. W. ENYEART, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Services first and second Sun-  
days of each month at usual hours.

REV. J. M. ROBINSON, Pastor.

CATHOLIC—Services on notice each month  
REV. JAMES DONOHUE, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN—Services on notice each  
month.

REV. A. H. PARKS, Pastor.

Christian Endeavor—Meets every Sunday  
evening at 7:30 at Baptist Church.

WINNIE BONHAM, President.

Epworth League—Meets every Sunday night  
at M. E. Church at 7:30 p. m.

LULU FICK, President.

OLA FICK, Sec'y.

### County Officers.

Representative - Geo. W. Wiley  
Treasurer - Geo. B. Cones  
Clerk - Frank Wehrle  
Probate Judge - David Truxa  
Clerk of Dist. Court - John Elliott  
Register of Deeds - Winnie Bonham  
Sheriff - F. C. Judd  
County Attorney - A. T. Bodle Jr.  
Supt. Public Instruction - J. A. Porterfield  
Commissioners - John Innis,  
John Conrad,  
H. E. Hayden.

### ROCK ISLAND TIME CARD.

No. 62 east 9:47 a. m.  
No. 61 going west 5:44 p. m.  
N. B. PECK, Agent.

### Democratic Congressional Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic congressional  
committee of the Seventh district, held in the city  
of Hutchinson, on Tuesday, March 6th, it was or-  
dered that a delegate convention of the Demo-  
cratic party of said district be held at the city of  
Great Bend, Kansas, on Tuesday, April 17th,  
1900, to nominate a candidate for congress and  
transact such other business as said convention  
may elect. The basis for the apportionment of  
delegates was fixed at one delegate at large for  
each county, and one delegate for each 300 votes  
or major fraction thereof cast for Jerry Simpson  
at the general election in 1896, provided, that no  
county shall have less than two delegates.  
Meade county is entitled to 2 delegates.  
Geo. T. PITTS, Chairman.  
HENRY BLOCK, Secretary.

### People's Party Congressional Convention.

A delegate convention of the People's party of  
the Seventh congressional district is hereby called  
to meet in the city of Great Bend on Tuesday,  
April 17, 1900, at 10:00 a. m., for the purpose of  
nominating a candidate for Congress. The basis  
of representation in said convention shall be one  
delegate at large for each county, and one dele-  
gate for each 300 votes or major fraction thereof,  
cast for John W. Leedy for governor in 1896; pro-  
vided no county shall have less than 2 delegates.  
Meade county is entitled to 2 delegates.  
By order of People's party congressional com-  
mittees, in session at Hutchinson, Kas., March 6.  
W. C. AYRES, Chairman.  
HORACE FOSLER, Sec'y.

### Call for State Convention.

A delegate convention of the People's party of  
Kansas will be held in the city of Clay Center on  
Wednesday, April 25th, 1900, convening at eleven  
o'clock A. M. for the purpose of electing eight-  
teen delegates and alternates to the National  
Convention of said party to be held at Sioux Falls,  
South Dakota, May 2nd, 1900.  
The basis of representation at said convention  
is one delegate for each county and one additional  
delegate for each five hundred or major fraction  
thereof cast for J. W. Leedy for Governor at the  
election in 1896.  
It is recommended that the county conventions  
for the selection of delegates to this convention be  
held on Saturday, April 14th.  
Meade county is entitled to 1 delegate.  
TAYLOR RINDLE, Chairman.  
J. H. CURRAN, Secretary.

### Convention Dates.

Democratic National Convention, Kansas City  
July 4.  
Republican National Convention, Philadelphia,  
June 19.  
Populist National Convention, Sioux Falls, S.  
May 10.  
Silver Republican National Convention, Kan-  
sas City, July 4.  
Republican state convention, Topeka, May 16.  
Democratic state convention to elect national  
delegates, Wichita, May 23.  
Democratic state nominating convention, July  
24.  
Populist state convention to elect national dele-  
gates, Clay Center, April 24.  
Populist state nominating convention, Fort  
Scott, July 24.  
Seventh district Republican convention, Hutch-  
inson, April 18.  
Seventh district Democratic and Populist con-  
vention, Great Bend, April 17.

The Hereford and Shorthorn  
breeders of America will hold a joint  
exhibition and sale at Kansas City  
the last two weeks in October, 1900.  
Both Hereford and Shorthorn breed-  
ers have always contended for su-  
periority among the stockmen of the  
west, but this is the first time they  
have ever agreed to meet at one  
great show and let merit decide.  
About \$20,000 will be offered in  
prizes.—Live Stock Inspector.

### The Scrub Must Go.

K. B. Armour, the great Here-  
ford breeder, recently said: "I am  
a mere breeder of Hereford, but I  
stand at all times for the betterment  
of beef cattle. I believe that every-  
one of the warm strains of beef  
blood is contributing to that end. I  
have as much to say for one breed  
as for another, and my impulse is to  
pat a man on the back who is using  
any strain and working toward the  
betterment of his stuff, is just as  
earnest for one breed as another." On  
behalf of the Galloway breeders  
Frank B. Hearne has said: "There  
is room for all the beef breeds for  
years to come, and they cannot  
crowd out the scrub any too soon." The  
decision that the scrub must go is  
unanimously rendered by all  
breeders of beef cattle, regardless of  
their particular breed.

This unanimity is very encourag-  
ing, and it will continue until there  
will be no scrub to weed out. It  
means a great deal for the permanent  
welfare of the cattle industry. If  
we are to compete, as Mr. Armour  
says, with South America and Aus-  
tralia, and are permanently to set  
the pace, as we should, our prepa-  
ration along right lines is very im-  
portant at the present time. This  
expression of opinion which has  
come from so many breeders shows  
a realization of what is needed in  
making the raising of beef cattle all  
it should be.

There is another fact shown by  
this condition. The men interested  
in raising the standard of beef cattle  
realize that the different members  
must co-operate against the common  
enemies before the real battle of the  
breeds can begin. The attitude of  
all the different breeders' associa-  
tions is that each breed asks to be  
considered purely on its merits, and  
that every other breed be given a  
fair trial. It is this spirit which will  
make for the establishment of the  
United States as leader of the world  
in the raising of beef.—Farmers'  
Advocate.

There will be an eclipse of the  
sun on the 28th of next May, visible  
over a greater portion of the western  
Hemisphere. The path of the total  
eclipse begins at a point in the  
Pacific ocean, southwest of Cape St.  
Lucas, Lower California; moving  
northeast it enters Mexico south of  
Matatlan, it then takes an irregular  
course, passing over Monterey,  
Mexico, and Edinburg, Texas;  
after traversing the northwest cor-  
ner of the Gulf of Mexico it passes  
over New Orleans, La.; Mobile,  
Ala.; Columbus, Ga.; through S. C.;  
Raleigh and Winton, N. C.; Norfolk,  
Va.; from thence to Portugal, through  
the Mediterranean, passing over the  
city of Algiers, Africa, and termi-  
nates at sunset in upper Egypt at 11  
h. 25 m. a. m., Washington mean  
time, having traversed 148 1/4 degrees  
of longitude in 3 h. 19 m. The  
entire duration of the eclipse is 5 h.  
23 m.—Ex.

Kansas occupies third place  
among the states in order of salt  
production. New York retains first  
place and Michigan second. The  
annual product of the Sunflower  
state is about 2,000,000 barrels.  
The 75,000,000 people of the United  
States, in the course of twelve  
months consume 18,000,000 barrels  
of salt. Mr. Parker, the salt expert  
of the Geological Survey, says one  
of the interesting facts is the steadily  
decreasing proportion of foreign salt  
entering into domestic consumption.  
In 1880 the amount of salt imported  
was equivalent to 36.5 per cent of  
the entire consumption. This per-  
centage was increased to 39.1 in  
1881, since when, with a few unim-  
portant exceptions, the percentage  
of foreign salt has steadily decreased,  
until in 1898 salt of foreign pro-  
duction represented only 7 per cent of  
the total consumption.—Capital.

The conference between the rail-  
roads and cattlemen in regard to  
cattle rates ended as usual in favor  
of the railroads. The latter will ad-  
here to the pound rates, the only  
change being the place of weighing  
the stock. Before all stock was  
weighed at the point of shipping,  
while now the weighing will be done  
at the stock yards at Kansas City  
or St. Joseph. This was the best  
the cattlemen could do at this time,  
but they declare that they will test  
it in the courts. Of course the  
railroads will win.

The Kentucky trouble is not over  
yet. Secretary of State Powers and  
other prominent men have been  
charged and are on trial for com-  
plicity in the Goebel murder.  
Wharton Golden, also connected  
with the plot, turned states evidence.

### Our Correspondents.

#### EVERGREEN ITEMS.

The weather is very nice now.

Joe Pinnick has been building fence this  
week.

George Cole has been listing corn the last  
two weeks.

Willard Kieth was visiting Will and Ed  
Altenbernd last Sunday.

Arthur Pinnick visited George Cole last  
Sunday.

George and Roy Cole visited Willard Kieth  
Sunday before last.

Mrs. Bateman and daughter Grace visited  
at Cole's last Sunday.

There will be preaching at the Evergreen  
school house next Sunday evening, April 1.  
Everybody invited to come.

Messrs. Cole, Altenbernd and Arthur Pin-  
nick put up hitching racks week before last.  
They were greatly needed.

CRICKET.

POWELL NEWS.

We were pleased to see the notice by editor  
to correspondents asking them to be less per-  
sonal in their remarks concerning each other  
and neighbors. It's human nature, you know,  
to get even or to try to, and small beginnings  
often lead to serious consequences; while pos-  
sibly only started in a vein of humor without  
any thought of malice, yet neighborhood  
jokes are not looked upon in the same light  
by all, and therefore occasionally cause dire  
results.

Mrs. Nett came up from Liberal Friday  
where she has been visiting her daughter for  
a week or two.

Mrs. Mina Padgett, of Hutchinson, came  
in Saturday evening and, we understand, she  
and her husband, Oliver, will locate in this  
country. She looks just the same as ever,  
and the baby as bright as a silver dollar.

A crayon enlargement picture man was do-  
ing the town Wednesday. He secured con-  
siderable work from our citizens.

Well, we are still waiting for those pro-  
nounced weddings to occur, and from pre-  
sent indications are sure we won't have to wait  
much longer.

The bicycle rage is still on. Anson Ran-  
dolph and Frank Ellis being the latest ac-  
quisitions to the wheeling van.

Of any old place in the world, for hen  
fruit, Fowler certainly takes the lead, from  
indications we should judge that every old  
hen in the country laid two eggs a day and  
that some laid nights.

Mrs. W. H. Walter and daughter were visit-  
ing the teacher last week.

John Fancher, one of the sturdy sons of  
toil of Logan town, spent a few hours in town  
last Saturday. He reports farming well un-  
der way on Spring Creek.

P. Y. Turner and Chas. Chase, despite the  
cold weather, concluded to try seining the  
creek Friday. They returned with unusual  
fisherman's luck, having caught a whole gun-  
ny sack full of fine fish. This is a true fish  
story.

The epizootic or some kindred ailment is  
going around.

Where, oh, where can the "Fowler Girl"  
be? Has she left us, got married or what?  
Why this painful silence? If she will only  
come back we won't ask to squeeze her hand  
and if her hair is a little straight we won't  
care. We long for that sweet voice again.

The usual amount of loafers are gradually  
decreasing in town as spring advances and we  
are fearful that should the present ratio of  
decrease continue that ere long there won't  
be people enough in town to make a corporals  
guard.

Several of our young and socially inclined  
people went out to attend a surprise party on  
Miss Minnie Green, at the residence of J. F.  
Blair Tuesday evening. All report a pleas-  
ant time.

Henry Burford has been at work of late on  
a rail-road attachment to a bicycle, by which  
he expects to scorn distance and shorten time  
down to the little end of nothing. Should his  
rapid transit scheme prove a success it  
will certainly be a boon to the Prof. who is  
compelled (?) to make so many long and  
wearisome trips to Meade. Henry should  
apply for a patent at once, for fear of in-  
fringement.

Bert Crane was seen in these parts Sat-  
urday and Sunday.

Walter Vick took a load of corn out to the  
ranch Saturday.

Jimmie McGee, a son of Erin was exchang-  
ing goods at M. Frazier's Thursday last.

A Kirby was transacting business in town  
Thursday.

Rev. Jones came down on the train Friday  
evening to attend prayer meeting. He re-  
turned Saturday morning.

For fear of the "blue pencil" we will  
cheese this racket, hoping that if we have  
said anything so arouse the editor's ire, that  
we may at least be extended the long handled  
end of the spoon of mercy.

We almost forgot to say that it is very  
pleasant weather.

#### CRACKERJACK.

BELLE MEADE ITEMS.

MR. EDITOR—We are not going to be one  
of those guilty consciences who are afraid to  
say anything about your "restraining" order  
for fear of being detected as a back biter.  
We think your order a very good one and it  
would have been better if issued sooner. If  
we have injured anyone's character, or dam-  
aged their matrimonial prospects or other-  
wise disgraced their physiognomy we are will-  
ing to pay for it and promise not to do it any  
more.

Lester Rhodes, of Oklahoma, took dinner  
at Two-F's last Friday. He was on his way  
to Colorado.

J. H. Randolph was a pleasant caller at  
this office last Friday. While here John in-  
formed us that this week was the proper time  
to plant potatoes if you want to be on the  
good side of the man in the moon.

Gewhist! what a F. I. B. Soft (East) Cider.  
If you ever told any truth about us we never  
caught you at it. How do you suppose you  
could conceal your identity when all of your  
gibberish reverberates with that cracked old  
nasal twang of yours?

J. W. Crane and family were visiting Mr.  
and Mrs. Vick Saturday and Sunday over in  
the Artesian country.

Miss Minnie Edwards and Mr. Ernest Tra-  
hern were visiting their brother and sister,  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Edwards Monday.

Married—At the home of the bride, Sun-

day, Miss Leota Trahern, of Haskell county,  
and Mr. Charles Edwards of this county.  
Two-F's along with their many friends extend  
congratulations and wish this worthy couple  
all the joys and pleasures of a long and hap-  
py wedded life.

Ed. Blair and family went to Dodge City  
Monday returning Tuesday.

Since reading Crackerjacks ejaculations of  
last week we have concluded there is News  
all around the globe.

No wonder Ike is color blind and has fish  
"on the brain" two feet thick since he rumi-  
nates o'er the green with that rich inflama-  
tory hued member 'neath his eyes, sniping  
leaches and tadpoles and poking green frogs  
and pollywogs.

We suspect that dishonest cow at Mr.  
Marrs is old "101" who the boys say was  
very difficult to enumerate. Poor old critter  
she has been counted out at last.

We wish to say to East Sider and Ike were  
we compelled to choose between the three  
evils of being "one of the long billed branch  
of the feathered tribe known as waders" or  
an old gray spoon billed, webfooted biped  
with the large digestive capacity who waddles  
in wet places and subsists by scooping any  
old thing that comes in the way, or one of  
those long billed stumptailed spare built  
birds that fly up the creek and whose only  
song they chant in mournful numbers as fol-  
lows: "Milk an' puddin', milk an' puddin",  
scoop it up, scoop it up." We would cer-  
tainly choose the former.

Died—"Dewey" age one year and several  
months. Like Don of old his loss will be  
mourned by his many friends.

Our poor dear little old pug

Though you've had your day  
Your pelt may yet serve as a rug,  
While your bones return to clay.

The cat got into our cellar and upset the  
jar of milk in which we were germinating the  
microbes of our poetical aspirations. Thanks  
to the cat.

No, we are not for sale but we are looking  
for Meandering M-Ike over any old day with  
his defunct, defiled feline scent to try to buy  
us out.

It seems that Chas. Edwards' hogs went on  
a strike while he was away to get married,  
that is, they struck out for parts unknown.

We have changed our mind about suing the  
weatherman for breach of promise. Every-  
one would want to see him come clear any-  
way.

The person or persons who appropriated the  
curtains belonging to the Prairie Gem  
Literary society were probably short on calico.

Charivaris are the order of the day or rather  
of the night. One Sunday night and one  
Monday night and it is not certain they are  
over yet.

One week Ike tries the green goods racket  
on us, the next he tries foul-play. What  
next, Hon. Ike? At your present rate of  
conjecturing it oughtn't to take you over six  
months or a year to locate us correctly.

A surprise neck-tie party was given Tues-  
day evening at the home of Mr. John Blair in  
honor of Miss Green. About 30 were present  
and everyone spent a most enjoyable even-  
ing.

#### TWO-F'S.

PLAINS ITEMS.

The section hands were put on both sec-  
tions Monday.

Maud Marbough, of Arkalon has been visit-  
ing Ada Edwards this week and last.

The men are still at work on the well at  
the depot having Mr. Osborne and his men  
employed this week.

Gracie Harbit and Lillie Addie spent Sun-  
day at Mr. Bisbee's.

Willie Bisbee is carrying the Springfield  
mail this week in place of Mr. Orner.

Mrs. Addie is visiting at Russell Berkaw's  
this week.

Clifford King has been quite sick for the  
past few days but is somewhat better now.

Mrs. Orner's brother met with a painful ac-  
cident Tuesday evening. He was on his way  
to post office when his horse threw him off  
and sprained his shoulder.

Mae Addie is staying with Mrs. King this  
week while Mr. King is in Hutchinson.

Mr. Harbit was courting in Meade one day  
last week.

Mr. Bisbee and family spent Sunday at Mr.  
Osborne's. The afternoon was spent in play-  
ing croquet and listening to music which was  
furnished by Miss Fox and Mr. Osborne.

Mr. Conger's niece visited at Taylors this  
week.

Lotta Graham and Maggie Martin made a  
trip twenty miles west of here to see about a  
summer school. Miss Martin met with suc-  
cess and will teach a fourth month school in  
Seward county. Her school will begin on  
30th of April, the week after her school closes  
here.

Mr. Will Kerr thought he would go a way  
with his wife who went east Saturday on the  
train. He went out seven miles and expect-  
ed to ride back with Mr. Osborne who was  
unloading ties, but finding that the wheel  
would only carry two, and there being three  
Mr. Kerr enjoyed the walk back.

#### BUFFALO BILL.

A most sensible suggestion has  
been offered by a Ft. Scott club. It  
is that the election laws of the state  
be changed so as to have all county  
officers elected at one time for a  
term of four years, instead of fol-  
lowing the present plan which keeps  
up almost perpetual stir on account  
of the scramble after places.—Fair-  
view Enterprise.

If a man wants to learn to pull  
political wires, the place to take  
lessons is in a Methodist church  
conference. They are on now and  
ambitious politicians cannot do bet-  
ter than to attend them and get on  
the inside. A well-seasoned and  
energetic bishop or presiding elder  
can give the shrewdest politician on  
earth a quarter handicap and beat  
him to the wire at every heat. The  
writer once heard a Methodist bish-  
op say that there was more politics  
in a district conference than in a  
state convention, and he was a man  
who was thoroughly familiar with  
the management of both.—Lawrence  
Journal.

Judge B. F. Milton, of Dodge  
City, is a candidate for associate  
justice of the supreme court, before  
the People's party state convention.  
Judge Milton is at present Judge of  
the Court of appeals and is as well  
qualified for that position as any  
man in the state. The western part  
of the state will support him solid.

We have noticed that some of the  
papers are publishing articles con-  
cerning the man Whittaker, who is  
under arrest in Kentucky for the  
killing of Goebel, as being a former  
resident of Meade county. The  
Whittaker who lived here was Hol-  
land Whittaker, and the man charged  
with the murder of Goebel is  
Harland Whittaker. It may be the  
same man, but we are inclined to  
doubt it.

It would be a great help to the  
government census takers if farmers  
would classify and schedule their  
stock ready for the enumerators.  
This data could just as well be pre-  
pared in advance, and as nobody is  
more interested in this compilation  
than the farmer himself, it should  
be thorough and complete in every  
respect. Especially is it important  
that the supply of young live stock  
on hand be given accurately for  
then by the time the figures are pub-  
lished, one can tell in some measure  
what there is available in the country.  
The government never has had a  
classification of live stock that was  
worth much to the trade by the time  
it got in type.—Chicago Drovers'  
Journal.

A country newspaper will not be  
made better by reducing its sub-  
scription price, neither will it be  
made better by offering in connec-  
tion with it pictures or other things  
to draw subscribers if this is done  
at a sacrifice to its regular subscrip-  
tion price. Whenever a thing is  
cheapened in price the inference is  
that the quality of the thing is also  
cheapened. The sooner the country  
newspaper editors learn this one  
fact the better it will be for the  
craft generally. We could say much  
more on this subject that would be  
interesting to every editor, but the  
above suggestion is sufficient for all  
to see the point.—Cimarron Jack-  
sonian.

#### Educational Column.

By J. A. PORTERFIELD, Co. Supt.

Program for Teachers' Association to be  
held at Meade, Saturday, April 7, beginning  
at 1:30 p. m.

Opening exercises.

Minutes of previous meeting.

Recitation—Nellie Keith.

Paper—"The value of school district  
libraries"—Mamie Campbell.

Class recitation in grammar, third reader  
grade—Sada Jenkins.

General discussion—"Have the associations  
been profitable? How may they be improved?"

Music—Zada and Ethel Black.

"What requirements in literature should be  
demanded of all teachers?"—Carrie Painter.

The British in South Africa—D. P. Wyson.

Likewise the Boers—A. T. Bodle Jr.

Roll-call—quotations from Emerson.

Adjournment.

Reading Circle program.

Greenwood—Chapters IX and X—Mrs.  
Josie Rhodes.

Lecky—Pages 200 to 246—B. E. Crane.

An examination of applicants for  
common school diploma will be held  
at the school house in Meade, Sat-  
urday, March 31st, beginning at 8  
a. m. A committee of teachers will  
grade the papers. The graduate re-  
ceiving highest grades will be entitled  
to a year's tuition at college, free.

J. A. PORTERFIELD.

Call in, ladies, and see my stock  
If I can please you I shall be very  
glad, and if not, it will be all right,  
it is no trouble to show the goods,  
and perhaps I can assist you in  
making a selection.

MRS. R. M. JUDD

#### For Sale or Trade.

Two road carts and two sets of  
harness for same, and one walking  
cultivator. I will sell cheap.

A. W. CALLENDAR,

Meade, Kansas.

#### For Sale.

I have 175 feet of 2-inch galvan-  
ized well casing for sale cheap if  
taken at once.

WM. SIEBENTHALER,

Fowler, Kansas.

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